

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 9, 2008. Claims 21, 23-27, 30-36, and 38-40 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for at least the following reasons.

In the Action, claims 21, 24, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henke (U.S. Patent No. 4,885,876) in view of Sanchez (U.S. Patent No. 6,053,805). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 is amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 22. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 21, as well as claim 24 that depends therefrom, is requested.

Claim 32 depends from claim 27 and is allowable for at least the same reasons provided herein for as claim 27.

Claims 22, 23, 25-31, and 33-40 are noted as being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner's assistance in identifying allowable subject matter is appreciated.

It is noted that only claims 22, 23, 25, and 26 depend from claim 21 and should therefore be allowable for at least the same reasons provided herein for claim 21.

Claim 27 is an independent claim, and claims 30-32 depend therefrom. Claim 27 is allowable since it incorporates subject matter from claims 28, 29, and 33 that is indicated as being allowable. Consideration and allowance are requested.

Claim 34 is an independent claim, and claims 35, 36, and 38-40 depend therefrom. Claim 34 is allowable since it incorporates subject matter from claim 37 that is indicated as being allowable. Consideration and allowance are requested.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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